

# Sacrifice and Sacred Violence

## History, Comparisons, and the Early Modern World

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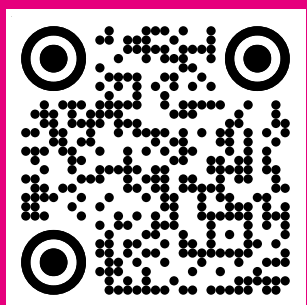
Final Meeting of the  
Research Group 'Sacrifiles'  
**PI: Vincenzo Lavenia**

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Florence, Macerata  
and Naples-L'Orientale

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Thursday, 14 December 2023

Aula Prodi

Piazza San Giovanni in Monte, 2 Bologna

14.00-14.15

Institutional Greetings

14.15-14.30

Vincenzo Lavenia, University of Bologna

Opening Remarks

14.30-16.00

**Session 1. Comparisons and theoretical perspectives**

Jan Bremmer, University of Groningen

**The Beginning and End of Greek Animal Sacrifice, and Something in Between**

Federico Dal Bo, University of Heidelberg

**Sacrifice Blood, and Intention in Early Rabbinic Literature: from the Mishnah to the Babylonian Talmud**

Caterina Bori, University of Bologna

**"Every little boy is taken as a pledge against his sacrifice at birth". 'Aqīqa and its Functioning in Late Medieval Muslim Tradition.**

**Chair:** Guido Bartolucci, University of Bologna

16.00-16.30

COFFEE BREAK

16.30-18.30

Maria Barbara, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro

**Sacrifice and Anthropophagy in Early Modern Brazil**

Chiara Ghidini, University of Naples-L'Orientale

**Not Only to Heaven and Earth: Logics of Sacrifice in Japanese Cultural History**

Cristiana Facchini, University of Bologna

**Comparing Sacrifice, XVII-XIX centuries**

**Chair:** Davide Scotto, University of Pavia

### Sacrifiles Project

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The conference is eligible for CFU as part of the 'Seminari liberi' activity.

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Friday, 15 December 2023

Aula Specola

Piazza San Giovanni in Monte, 2 Bologna

09.00-11.00

**Session 2. Sacrifice in Early Modern Christianity: Religion and Politics**

Daniel Barbu, CNRS

**Sacrifice and Idolatry**

Robert Yelle, University of Munich

**Thomas Hobbes's Views on Sacrifice: Reading Between the Lines**

Francesco Quatrini, University of Naples-L'Orientale

**Sacrifice, Magistracy, and Just War: A Controversy Between Hugo Grotius and the Polish Brethren**

Freya Sierhuis, University of York

**Sacrifice and Tragic Form in Vondel's *Jephtah* (1659)**

**Chair:** Girolamo Imbruglia, University of Naples-L'Orientale

11.00-11.15

COFFEE BREAK

11.15-13.15

**Session 3. Sacrifice through the Lens of Missionaries and Travelers**

Pierre-Antonie Fabre, EHESS Paris

**Sacrifice, Sanctity, and Martyrdom**

Sabina Pavone, University of Naples-L'Orientale

**Interpreting the Sati: Missionary Sources in the Early Modern Era**

Ronnie Po-chia Hsia, Penn State University

**Sacrifice and Martyrdom in 17th and 18th Century China**

Joan-Pau Rubiés, ICREA / Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona

**Discourses of Religion and Sacrifice in Sub-Saharan Africa**

**Chair:** Franco Motta, University of Turin

13.15-14.30

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14.30-16.30

**Session 4. Sacrifice, Sacred Violence, and Crusade**

Irene Bueno, University of Bologna

**Reframing Holy War and Sacrifice at the Close of the Middle Ages**

Olivier Christin, University of Neuchâtel

**Religious Wars and Figures of Self-Sacrifice (Empire, France, England, 16th Century)**

Marisa Linton, Kingston University

**Sacrifice, Violence, and Revolution**

Lucia Ceci, University of Rome2

**Mystique of Sacrifice, Violence, and Hunger Strike in 20th Century Ireland: From the Easter Rising to Bobby Sands**

**Chair:** Chiara Petrolini, University of Bologna

16.30-17.00

COFFEE BREAK

17.00-18.15

**Round Table:**

**Paola von Wyss-Giacosa**, University of Zurich

**Emanuele Colombo**, DePaul University Chicago

**Fabio Dei**, University of Pisa

**Silvia Romani**, University of Milan-Statale

**Roberto Tottoli**, University of Naples-L'Orientale

**Roberta Denaro**, University of Naples-L'Orientale

**Chair:** Fernanda Alfieri, University of Bologna

18.15-18.30

CONCLUSIONS

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